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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.
§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2121**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant(s):** Hoi Yeung Chan, et al.**Examiner:** Joseph P. Hirl**Serial No:** 09/916,943**Art Unit:** 2121**Filed:** July 27, 2001**Docket:** YOR920000717US1 (14033)**For:** CONFLICT-HANDLING
ASSIMILATOR SERVICE
FOR EXCHANGE OF RULES
WITH MERGING**Dated:** September 8, 2004**Confirmation No:** 8815Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action issued July 8, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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